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Aloma W. Dew, Chair, Environmental Quality Commission
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Dear Aloma:

Thank you for sharing your support for the Appalachian Regional Commission and your frustration with the proposed cuts to this important agency. Like you, I recognize the critical work of the ARC and that's why I joined my colleagues in urging full funding for the ARC.

As you know, Congress established the Appalachian Regional Commission in 1965 to bring prosperity to more than four hundred counties in thirteen states by pursuing an aggressive agenda of economic development. The mission of the ARC is not simply to build roads connecting Appalachia with industrial centers outside the region, but, more importantly, to improve the quality of life for the more than twenty-three million Americans who are proud to call the region "home." Millions of dollars in grants have been made over the past forty years to improve water and sewer infrastructure, enhance educational and health care opportunities, and, more recently, promote new technology programs.

I am glad to know that you also support the ARC and other economic and community development initiatives. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Ken Lucas

Member of Congress

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